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Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 29th and 33rd meetings, on 13 and 22 December 2004, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/22) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1. At the 29th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/597). The draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations was before the Committee (see A/C.5/59/L.21, sect. E).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.29 and 33).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and recalling paragraph 35 of General Assembly resolution 51/77 of 12 December 1996, in which

[1] A/C.5/59/22.
[2] A/59/597.

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the Assembly calls upon States and institutions concerned to provide voluntary contributions in support of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, decides to inform the Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1, additional requirements of $1,622,200 at initial 2004-2005 rates would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 as follows: section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, $800,000; section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, $484,900; section 24, Human rights, $214,900; section 29E, Administration, Geneva, $2,400; and section 34, Staff assessment, $120,000. In accordance with the procedures established by the Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund. The provision under section 34, Staff assessment ($120,000), would be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. The Committee also decides to revert to the issue of financing for 2006 in connection with the work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.